



The Question Mark?

Because you never know what'll happen.

Bivouac Edition



Move out!

Yesterday morning the entire encampment packed up and moved out for the 2.2 mile trek to the bivouac site. The bivouac was a great success, cadets learned skills in Emergency Services and how to build shelters. Pictured above is C/Captain Snyder route stepping it along side the encampment.

Along the way cadets proudly sang out marching cadences. All the flights were motivated and loud as could be! It was an *outstanding* experience!

Weather Outlook

Tuesday: Mostly sunny with a high of 90. Expected to be humid.

Tuesday evening: mostly cloudy with a 40% chance of Thunder storms.

Overnight: Low of 68, Thunderstorms expected.



Mission Time

While on the bivouac the cadets of Charlie Flight got to experience First hand what it is like to be on a missing aircraft mission. They also found out just how tricky it can be hunting an Emergency Locator Transmitter, or commonly called an ELT. Our Cadet Commander, Cadet Colonel Maille led Charlie Flight on this Training mission. He served as the team's Leader and in doing so completed the requirements for Civil Air Patrol's Ground Team Leader Qualification.

Congratulations C/Col Maille!

The team was successful in locating the ELT, which was found lying on its side in a moderately wooded area; this made both the search and the find no easy task. Charlie Flight, under C/Col Maille's leadership, pulled together, learned together and found the target, great going guys!



Like a Queen!

During the bivouac we caught C/SSgt Rock giving Encampment Commander Captain Leary the finest treatment any Encampment Commander should. After the long trek to the bivy site, the good Captain was found to be over heating, and Cadet Rock, being the outstanding NCO that he is, took it upon himself to fan off our commander. (Picture below) For his valiant effort the encampment staff has submitted, for approval by a review board, a Commander's Commendation for outstanding duty performance as a subordinate. Unfortunately we should note that the board has taken the summer off and it is unlikely that Cadet Rock will receive an medal for his actions, however they will not go unnoticed, the good Captain was quoted by out staff when she said "Thank you".



Fire Starters!

Part of survival training was collecting the right foliage and being able to successfully start a fire. Seen here in this photo is The Question Mark's own C/CMSgt Bonilla lighting a blaze. Way to go Chief! The survival courses were lead by Major St. Louis, Cadet Colonel Maille and other land survival experts from the staff. Outstanding job to everyone, instructors and students alike!



Hotel Staff

Part of Monday's Training was to teach cadets how to build a good sturdy shelter that would survive the elements in a survival situation or during an extended period in the field during a search and rescue mission. After members of the staff instructed cadets on how to build these structures, members of the Encampment Cadet Executive staff started in on building their Super Shelter. Pictured above is, Cadet Executive Officer, C/MAJ Perron seen carrying support beams. Members of the Question Mark interview the staff this morning after the bivy on how good the staff slept last night. Staff conclude that they slept extremely well except that they now all have ants in their pants due to the infested logs and branches that were used as supports. So much for not letting those bed bugs bite!

